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DENY SUBMARINE MEN WAR HONOR

Britain May Treat U-8 Survivors as Pirates.

ADMIRALTY THREAT RECALLED

Torpedoing of Another British Vessel Is Announced—London States Officially That Fifteen British Vessels Have Been Sunk Since January—Twenty-nine Lives Lost.

London, March 9.—The admiralty announces officially that the British steamer Bengrove of Liverpool was sunk, probably as a result of being torpedoed, on March 7. The crew was picked up by the steamer Paignton and landed at Olfracombe. The Bengrove had a cargo of coal. Her crew numbered thirty-three.

London, March 9.—"The board of admiralty does not feel justified in extending honorable treatment to the twenty-nine officers and men of the sunken German submarine U-8, on the ground that they were guilty of attacking and sinking unarmed merchantmen."

This significant statement was issued by the official press bureau. The statement fails to make clear exactly what treatment will be extended to the captured Germans. There has been a persistent demand throughout England that they be hanged as pirates. Lord Charles Beresford recently asked the prime minister in the house of commons whether the crews of German submarines which sank unarmed merchant ships without warning would be treated as pirates. Asquith replied that the government had the matter under advisement and was not then prepared to announce its policy.

Fifteen British Ships Sunk.

The admiralty announces the following results of the German blockade:

From Jan. 21 to March 3 the arrivals at English ports numbered 4,519 vessels; the sailings during the same period, 4,115.

British merchant vessels torpedoed, 15; lives lost, 29.

The admiralty statement gives the names of fourteen steamers which the German submarines have unsuccessfully attacked. There is no mention of any steamers being torpedoed for the past week.

WILSON FRISCO TRIP IS OFF

Government Matters Keep President From Steing Frisco Fair.

Washington, March 9.—Formal announcement that President Wilson will be unable to attend the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco this month was made at the White House.

The president gave as his reason the necessity that he keep in close touch with "the various matters which the government has to deal with."

Killed by Traction Car.

Evansville, Ind., March 9.—John Russell, aged thirty years, while driving a team of horses near this city, was struck by a car on the Evansville and Rockport traction line and instantly killed.

La Touraine Arrives at Havre.

London, March 9.—A message to Lloyds from Havre announces the arrival of La Touraine at that port.

PUSHING DRUG FIGHT AGAINST PHYSICIANS

Wholesale Arrests of Chicago Doctors Are Threatened.

Chicago, March 9.—Wholesale arrests of Chicago physicians for violation of the new Harrison drug law regulating the sale of opium, cocaine and other habit forming drugs was promised by United States Revenue Collector Smetanka.

Men and women prominent in the practice of medicine are said to be guilty of flagrant violations of the law. The government launched a citywide crusade.

The Sin of Indifference

Does war now start to pull on you? Do war maps cease to hold? Do pictures from the front now fail to thrill you as of old?

Tears go with me and, even worse, The war seemed to annoy, Till in a picture of the slain I saw one like my boy.

The merest lad, on battlefield Among the martyred dead, With features so alike it might Have been my boy instead!

And with the tears of shame which fell Upon my child's fair face I vowed, by prayer and works, my sin Of boredom to erase.

—H. S. Haskins in New York Sun.

GERMAN SOLDIERS SAVE \$25,000,000 A MONTH.

Thrift of Troops at Front Shown by Money Orders Sent Home.

The savings of the German troops, according to Post Commissioner General Stroedel of the imperial mail bureau, Dresden, are estimated at \$25,000,000 a month. Although this includes the savings of officers, who receive higher salaries, it testifies to the prudence and thrift of the men in the army, whose average pay is only 14 cents a day.

"The thrift of the German troops at the front is one of the best proofs of their moral strength," says the semi-official North German Gazette. "Even when they could do so on pay days they do not live a riotous life, like Wallenstein's wild bands. The present day German soldier has retained none of the old free lance habits except a fearless courage and dauntless defiance of death. Our soldiers do not carelessly destroy their own property or that of others. Even in the tumult of battle they save for the peace to come."

Post Commissioner General Stroedel of the imperial mail bureau in Dresden has given official figures concerning the thriftiness of our troops in a speech about the army postal service. A Saxon division of reserves sent to their homes in September 10,000 money orders, amounting to 391,000 marks (\$97,750), and in October 20,000 orders, amounting to 800,000 marks (\$200,000). On some days the payments made at one field postoffice reached to 30,000 marks (\$8,750) and in one case even 110,000 marks (\$27,500). At the postoffice under the jurisdiction of the chief postal authorities of Dresden 63,104 money orders were received from the front in October. On these 2,500,000 marks (\$625,000) in round numbers had been paid in. In November there were 65,516 orders, amounting to 2,322,722 marks (\$580,680). Frequently the money orders were for very small sums ranging from 50 cents to \$2.50, in accordance with the pay the men received, which averages 14 cents a day in wartime. It must be understood that the soldiers cannot spend the money which they get, as they obtain most things by requisition. Furthermore, the officers and noncommissioned officers, who of course receive a much higher pay, are included in this sum total.

CHINA'S HEAD WORSHIPS.

Kneels Before Altar of Heaven—Ancient Manchu Rite.

President Yuan Shih Kai appeared before the altar of heaven in Peking and revived the worship of heaven at the winter solstice, an observance neglected since the passing of the Manchu dynasty in 1911. In this the president of the republic took upon himself a function and rite which in the past always has been reserved to the emperor of China in his capacity of Tien Tsz, or Son of Heaven.

The president worshipped at the famous circular altar, the most important of all Chinese religious structures. It is located in a sacred park three miles from the palace of the emperors and is surrounded by sacred buildings. This altar formerly was regarded in China as the center of the universe.

Yuan Shih Kai submitted a bill to the Chinese administrative council last January prescribing the worship of heaven and of Confucius for the president of China, and the measure was passed by the council. This act was regarded as tantamount to establishing a state religion for China. During the deliberations of the council it was set forth that the president of the republic should worship at the Temple of Confucius and at the temple of heaven annually, as had been the custom of the Chinese emperor. The worshiping of the president before the altar of heaven appears to be a carrying out of the purposes then set forth. The president was instructed on these religious occasions to wear the robes of the high dukes designed during the Chow dynasty in the year 1122 B. C. It was then taken for granted that all the old time rites would henceforth be re-established with Confucianism as the state religion, swinging back the pendulum to where it was before 1911.

War Boosts Laundry Bills.

The effects of the war are far-reaching. Here is an instance—a certain restaurant proprietor in London situated near a large military camp has found that since the war the cost of his laundry bill has greatly increased. So he has decorated each table with a neat notice: "Customers are requested not to draw on the tablecloths. Maps of the seat of war will be found on all the tables in the smoke room."

FARMING RETURNS.

Taking the average farm wage as a basis, the "hired hand" on the farm receives within a few cents of \$250 a year. A recent bulletin from the bureau of farm statistics shows that the current average rate of farm wages in the United States, where board is included, is \$20.81. Since 1902 the wages of farm hands have been increased by 34 per cent.

The farmer gets less of a monetary return for his work and on his investment than do many farm hands. This means the average farmer, of course. The rewards of the farmer come to him more in pork, beef, chickens and eggs, garden vegetables, in brief his "living" and that of his family, than in money. The experts have figured out that the average farm uses food, fuel, oil and shelter yearly to the amount of \$505.48 and the farm furnishes \$421.17 worth of this. The average cash expenditures for farm necessities other than labor amount to \$173.31 annually.

The farm hand gets his board. His expenditures are very small compared with those of other laborers. Of his \$250, the wages for the year, he is likely to have more money at the end of the twelve months than the average farmer who owns and operates his own place.—Farm Progress.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

A Safeguard Against Failure Owing to Low Prices.

In some parts of the country certain crops are selling this year for very low prices. This is not an unusual condition of affairs because the price of these same crops fluctuates widely from year to year. Even in the same year certain districts receive high returns while others show losses.

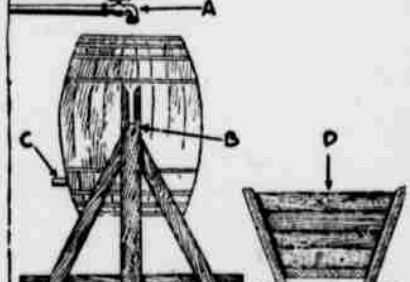
A study of the older agricultural districts in the eastern states reveals how the organization of the farm guards against severe losses at such times. In Chester county, Pa., for instance, dairying is the chief enterprise, supplemented by such cash crops as potatoes, hay and wheat. Some additional income is derived from the sale of cattle, poultry, eggs and hogs. With such a farm organization the price of such crops as potatoes or hay might be unusually low, yet affect the farm profits for the year comparatively little.

In another district, central New York, hay, potatoes, cabbage, beans and fruit, with some live stock, are the important sources of income. This year potatoes, fruit and early cabbage are all low in price. Yet these farmers through excellent diversification are practically insured against any large losses.

It is in this respect that settlers in the newer agricultural areas of the western and southwestern states have yet to learn a very important lesson. When agricultural districts are developed so rapidly that economic forces do not have time to act properly the result is oftentimes a very imperfect scheme of farm organization. It is caused by the extreme profitability of certain crops for a few years and the consequent development of farms on the basis of a single enterprise. Coupled with this one sided organization, land prices are often forced so high that an intensive form of agriculture is necessary when only a fairly extensive type of farming should prevail. It is these single crop farmers who are the greatest sufferers in years of low prices for their products. Aside from better use of labor and land, diversification of enterprises is one of the surest safeguards against losses. Specialties in farming are all right, but a farmer usually needs more than one of them.

Handy Feed Mixer.

A farmer who feeds a number of hogs uses several feed mixers, such as shown in the accompanying illustration. A barrel is swung on pivots by either extending a round wooden axle through the barrel, as at B, or by fast-



ening iron trunnions to opposite sides of same with bolts. The barrel is then suspended in the air in the wooden frame, as illustrated. Feed of all kinds that is mixed with water may be quickly emptied in the trough D by raising the barrel and tipping the feed out in the trough. The tipping handle is shown at C and a water pipe with top at A. Two men can easily move this device.

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